

# **AFRH and Sustainability**

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# What is Sustainability?

## **SUSTAINABILITY** means:

- Meeting our own needs while considering the needs of future generations by:
  - Conserving natural resources (*e.g. energy, trees, water*).
  - Protecting the environment and ensuring healthy communities (*e.g. reducing pollution*).
  - Treating people equally.
  - Building strong economies.

# AFRH is Becoming More Sustainable

- Adhering to federal guidelines to improve energy efficiency and reduce environmental impact.
- Constructing new buildings to green standards.
- Tracking monthly resource use, greenhouse gas emissions, and utility costs and finding opportunities to reduce them.
- Pursuing environmentally sound practices in cleaning, security, landscaping, and facilities management.



**The new Scott Building will be an environmentally friendly, energy-efficient building**

# What is Driving the Changes?

- Two recent Executive Orders require federal agencies to track and reduce consumption of energy and water, and create less waste.
- AFRH is required to report its sustainability actions to the Department of Defense (DOD).
- DOD reports to the White House's Council on Environmental Quality.



# What Can You Expect?

- Help from all members of the AFRH community is needed to meet federal and agency environmental goals.
- A special new program for residents is in the works.
- You will learn about opportunities to live more sustainably and help AFRH meet its goals.
- Stay tuned in 2012 for your chance to get involved!

